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While much progress has been made, volunteers and donations still atop needs list

Elba Playground Project only four months away from proposed build week

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Fund raising for the Elba playground project received much attention during 2005, and as 2006 begins, fund raising will remain a top priority. However, other wheels also will begin turning as the project's much anticipated May build week draws closer.

The project began making progress in early March 2005 when John Dean, a representative from Leathers and Associates of Ithaca, N.Y., visited Elba to help design the desired playground. During his visit, Dean interviewed approximately 400 children and used ideas from the children in designing the proposed playground.

Once he completed the interviews and design plans, local citizens were invited to hear a presentation on the project and get a first hand look at the

design as suggested by the local youth. This meeting also revealed that in order for Elba to meet the playground needs, fund raising would have to be a top priority.

The Kiwanis Club of Elba and several other interested citizens quickly made it a priority to make sure the project became a reality. A playground committee was formed, and all plans focused on a build date of May 2006.

According to playground committee board member Laurie Chapman, at least \$96,709.41 is needed to build the desired playground. At this point, she said \$53,290.59 has been raised.

While the playground committee still needs the help of the community in raising the remaining funds, Chapman said the committee also currently is applying for grants that will hopefully bring in extra funds.

"We will be having a fund raiser in the Spring, but the details are not yet nailed down," she said. "Also, we are trying to partner with several other major businesses to get three or four more 'title sponsors' (gifts of \$10,000 or more)."

For those who want to make donations to the playground project other than monetary, Chapman said the project has reached the point where other needs are beginning to surface.

With the build week now only four months away (May 2-6, 2006), Chapman said it is time for volunteers to begin signing up to help with the build. She said volunteers are needed for a wide array of things including: construction, food preparation and service and childcare - just to name a few.

Chapman said the committee also is looking for people interested and able to donate "gifts in kind." She said this includes donations of nuts, bolts, nails, shingles, trees, tires for the tire swings, lumber products, etc.

"We also are seeking people that may be willing to let us borrow their tools for the build," Chapman said. "The policy is to return the tools in as good or better condition."

In regards to the "gifts in kind" and tools, Chapmas said a materials list and tool list each have been created, and she can provide that information to anyone interested in making these type donations.

Chapman also continues to support the playground project that several items are for sale on an on-going basis, and the committee would appreciate all support. The items on sale include: handprint tiles (\$35), pickets (\$25) and playground equipment (\$400-\$950 for the stuff that is left).

Also, she said the website for the playground project has been totally re-done, and she urges everyone to visit the site at: www.elbaalabama.net/playground.



THE SITE CLEARING PROCESS is progressing at the old Elba High School location to make way for the construction of the proposed Elba Playground designed in March 2006 by representatives of Leathers and Associates of Ithaca, N.Y. The playground design is created from suggestions by many of Elba children. In order to keep a bit of the old in with the new, the front facade of the old high school is part of the playground's design. It reportedly will serve as an entrance into the playground. While fund raising continues for the playground project, the build date is scheduled for the week of May 2-6, 2006. Local residents are encouraged to volunteer their time during the build week.

one excited and to let them know everything that is going on with the playground," she said.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the build week, making any type of donation or simply in need of additional information regarding the playground project is encouraged either visit the website at www.elbaalabama.net/playground or contact Laurie Chapman at (334) 897-1152.

New postage rates effective January 8

A new year often brings changes, and customers of the U.S. Postal Service will experience several changes in only the second week of 2006.

An approximate 5.4 percent across-the-board increase in most postal rates will take effect Sunday, Jan. 8.

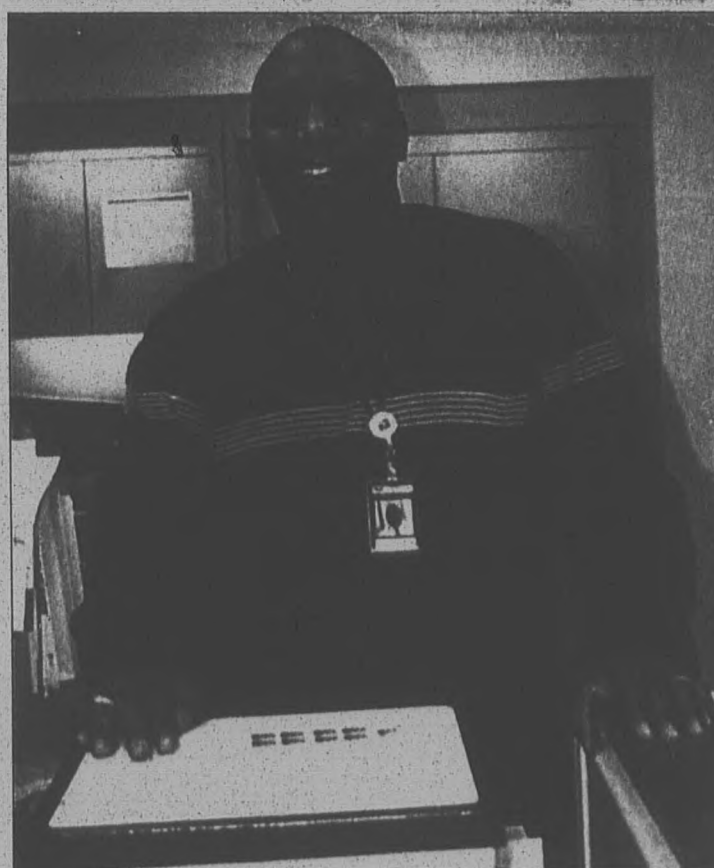
The rate increase - the first since 2002 - reportedly is needed to fulfill the requirement of a federal law passed in 2003. The law requires the Postal Service to establish a \$3.1 billion escrow account, with use of the funds to be determined by Congress at a later date.

According to the postal service, it would not have been necessary to raise the rates in 2006 without this federal mandate.

Among the rate adjustments, the single-piece rate for First-Class Mail will increase from 37 cents to 39 cents, and the postcard rate will increase by one cent to 24 cents.

"These increases will allow the Postal Service to meet the obligation established by Congress to place funds in escrow in 2006," said Jim Miller, chairman of the Postal Service's Board of Governors.

Adell Johnson Jr., postmaster of the U.S. Postal Office in Elba, said everything has been ordered and is already on hand for the upcoming changes. He said he expects the Jan. 8th rate increase to be a smooth transaction on the local level.



Adell Johnson Jr., postmaster of the U.S. Postal Office in Elba, said his office and employees are ready to serve the public in regards to the upcoming postage rate increase. Johnson said the Elba office has the necessary supplies on hand to help make the transition a smooth process for customers.

Johnson also said that individuals with extra 37 cent stamps will still be able to use those after Jan. 8 as long as they also include a 2 cent stamp on the First-Class mail. He said plenty of 2-cent stamps are available for purchase at the office.

International rates, which are determined separately from domestic prices, will be adjusted to coincide with the domestic rate changes. International rates have not been adjusted since January 2001.

Selected Rate Changes	Current	New
First-Class Letter (1 oz.)	37¢	39¢
First-Class Letter (2 oz.)	60¢	63¢
Postcard	23¢	24¢
Priority Mail (1 lb.)	\$3.85	\$4.05
Express Mail (1/2 lb.)	\$13.65	\$14.40
Express Mail (2 lb.)	\$17.85	\$18.80

Fee and Service Changes	Current	New
Certified Mail	\$2.30	\$2.40
Delivery Confirmation (Priority)	45¢	50¢
Delivery Confirmation (First Class Parcels)	55¢	60¢
Return Receipt (Original Signature)	\$1.75	\$1.85
Return Receipt (Electronic)	\$1.30	\$1.35
Money Orders (up to \$500)	90¢	95¢



On behalf of the Wachovia Foundation, Tonya Jones (left) presents Laurie Chapman (right) with a \$2,500 grant check designated for the purchase of a vertical tire tunnel and wavy slide for the Elba Playground. The items were included on an equipment needs list created for the proposed playground scheduled to be built this year.

Elba BOE holds special called meeting to fill positions

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

A special called Elba School Board meeting was held on Thursday, December 29th.

Superintendent Danny Weeks apologized to the board for the special call but explained the need to hire two new staff members before the first of the year.

Mike Bucklew, a 22-year veteran of the Straughn school system in Covington County, was

recommended and unanimously hired to fill the previously advertised high school social studies and coaching position.

Weeks said there were three applications for the position but Bucklew was the only applicant that was certified as "Highly Qualified."

Bucklew will fill the teaching position previously held by Tim Brown. Brown is transferring from the high school to the elementary school as a PE teacher.

Brown was an experienced Social Studies teacher, but was not certified as "Highly Qualified" in that field, Weeks explained. Mr. Brown is replacing recently retired Frank Phillips Jr. at the elementary school.

Elsie Capes was hired as a special education aide.

Again Weeks explained this move with the reminder that Vicki Bandstra recently retired. He added that the remaining certified teachers can handle the special ed group(s) with the help of a strong aide such as Capes.

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Sen. Richard Shelby to address Coffee and Dale county residents

U. S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.) will join the residents of Dale and Coffee counties for a county visit on Monday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 a.m.

The county visit, which is open to the public, will take place at the Army Aviation Museum on Ft. Rucker, located on Novasell Avenue, Building 6000.

Sen. Shelby will discuss his legislative agenda for the 109th Congress as well as important issues facing the nation and the state of Alabama. Following his remarks, Sen. Shelby will open the floor to questions and comments from those in attendance.

Sen. Shelby said, "Over the years, these meetings have provided an excellent opportunity for area residents to listen and voice their opinions on the

activities of our government. This will be a great chance to discuss the important issues facing our state and our nation as the 109th Congress reconvenes."

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NOTICE

A "Ring in the New Year Bazaar" will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, in New Brockton from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the New Brockton Park. For information, contact Gayle White (334) 368-9829 or Geraldine Smith (334) 364-0590.

The event is sponsored by the Warren Smith School reunion.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. at the board of education office in Elba.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Jan. 9, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. at the town hall office.

THE COFFEE COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE will present "Red, Hot, & Blue!" Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Enterprise High School. In Elba, tickets may be obtained from Bradley's Florist and Gift.

THE COFFEE COUNTY FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM will hold its annual pageant Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Enterprise Civic Center at 2:30 p.m.

BRAINSTORMS

with Fern Cox

There is now evidence that yours truly hasn't completely lost all reasoning ability! Our grandchildren received a trampoline from Santa and wanted granddaddy to bounce on it with them Christmas Day. Admittedly there was an urge to prove it could be done but then reality set in. To decline would be admitting granddaddy was too old for such things. However, a yes response could easily have resulted in a broken arm, leg, ... or worse. That would have to be explained a thousand times to all who saw the cast(s) and/or braces. The repeated looks of "he really is crazy" would have been far worse than the quick, correct "no" that sent two excited children off on another idea.

The holidays are over for awhile - thankfully. We share the feelings of a friend at church Sunday morning. Even though he is retired, there was a strong desire for a regular week with a real Monday in it. Yet if our readers are looking forward, they already realize it will happen again next December and January when the actual holidays fall on Monday.

There are a lot of Elba folks asking for the latest news on the pending sale of Dorsey Trailers. Well the news is there is no news. A hearing before the bankruptcy court in Montgomery is scheduled for later in January and hopefully there will be some answers (maybe an actual sale) after that formal hearing.

Both Mayor James Grimes and property owner Wayne Lawford have been telling about a new restaurant which will open in the building previously occupied by Jerry's. No opening date has yet been announced. The business owner is experienced and owner of several other eating establishments.

Alabama politics are getting off to a fast start with the new year. Both Democrats and Republicans are releasing news announcements and making themselves available for interviews at a fast pace. While there will be a lot of important races on the 2006 ballot, the run for the governor's office, in both major parties, is expected to dominate the news for the next 11 months. The Democrats will have former governor Don Siegelman and sitting Lt Governor Lucy Baxley battling it out in the primary. This race will be more heated because neither the candidates nor the public can ignore the pending federal court case against the former governor. The Republicans will select from sitting governor Bob Riley and ousted Chief Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore and maybe Geneva County State Senator Harri Ann Smith. Here there will be constant reminders of the circumstances around Moore's ouster ... from both sides. The field will narrow following the primaries, but the race promises to continue at a torrid pace. If these candidates stop to catch their breath, Alabama voters can look for the candidates in several of the judicial races to jump in with their sales pitch.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 26, 2005, investigated the following incidents: six for domestic violence, two for theft of property, one possession of a forged instrument, two for harassment, two for harassing communications, three for assault and three for criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, one for domestic violence and one for respecting stolen property. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no seat belt and one for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, DEC. 26 - Minor wreck reported in the parking lot of Fred's (11:02 a.m.).

TUESDAY, DEC. 27 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 1243 Hwy. 166 (7:26 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28 - Disturbance (noise) reported on Hwy. 87 N. (8:36 p.m.); Report of a person shot at Elba Shell by the gas pumps (9:40 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DEC. 29 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (8:13 a.m.).

FRIDAY, DEC. 30 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 125 N. (7:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 710 Eisenhower Loop (1:02 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Martin Luther King Dr. at the levee (2:52 p.m.); Disturbance

(fireworks) reported on Old Samson Rd. (10:01 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DEC. 31 - Report of fireworks being thrown from a vehicle on Hwy. 84 (3:16 p.m.); Disturbance (fireworks) reported near 722 N. Clay Ave. (7:23 p.m.); Fight in progress reported on Jackson St. (8:08 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Elba Villas (8:18 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Elba Villas, A-1 (8:46 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 24044 Hwy. 189 (8:52 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Powell Trailer Park (9:27 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JAN. 1 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 125 (6:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6179 County Rd. 315 (9:55 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1340 Reese Ave. (12:35 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 14651 Hwy. 87 S. (1:20 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (in progress) reported at 16 Mullins Circle (9:33 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 617 Mullins Circle (11:02 p.m.); Possible trespassing reported at 610 Mullins Circle (11:35 p.m.).

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881 TO REPORT A CRIME & REMAIN ANONYMOUS

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EDITORIAL

A Gift Idea for Your Child: A College Education Savings Account

By State Treasurer Kay Ivey

Parents and grandparents, here is a gift idea that will shine more brightly than Christmas decorations and will light the way for your child's future - the Alabama Higher Education 529 Fund. This investment program is an excellent savings vehicle for families and friends to fund the future college education of your loved one.

While a college education lasts a lifetime, Christmas lights will soon burn out. The Alabama Higher Education 529 Fund allows investors to contribute to an individual account within the 529 Trust Fund, choose from several investment options, and later use the investment results of that particular account to pay for college expenses. You can enroll at any time with as little as \$250, or \$25 a month. Since the program was launched in June 2002, over 5,000 Alabama families have created a Higher Education 529 Fund account for a child in their lives. This is a great companion program to Alabama's other college savings plan, the Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (PACT) Program.

Unlike the PACT Program, benefits of a Higher Education 529 Fund account can be used to pay for college expenses in addition to tuition and fees, such as room and board and books. Withdrawals from the account can be used to pay for graduate and/or undergraduate college expenses at any accredited public or private school in the United States.

While you are shopping for everyday necessities or Christmas presents, you can also make contributions to a child's college savings account.

I encourage you, whether you are a parent, grandparent, family member or friend, to consider investing in the Alabama Higher Education 529 Fund. It's one of the best gifts you could give them. To learn more about saving for college, please call 1-800-252-7228 or in Montgomery call 242-7500 or log on to the Treasury website, www.treasury.alabama.gov. Call today to get 529 brochures to wrap up with a newly opened account.

Rural Counties still losing jobs and residents

By Larry Lee

There is no denying that Alabama's economy is improving. November unemployment was only 3.6 percent and ranked No. 5 of the 50 states. We ranked No. 35 this time last year.

However, in the midst of all our patting ourselves on the back, we need to pause and think about something Mark Drabenstott, Vice President at the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, recently pointed out. According to him, the top 10 percent of all U.S. counties captured three-fourths of the nation's recent economic growth. Of 3,100 counties, 310 account for 74 percent of income and job growth.

This mirrors what is happening across Alabama. From December 2004 through November 2005, 11 of Alabama counties lost jobs and according to data from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, total jobs in "nonmetropolitan" Alabama went from 190,140 to 193,729 during the last year.

That's only 310 more jobs for 24 counties than Shelby County gained by itself. In fact, the state's unemployment increase of 39,418 jobs in the last 12 months, 66.4 percent of them were in Elmore, Lee, Madison, Morgan and Shelby counties alone.

Like lemmings going to the sea, Alabamians and outsiders alike continue to go where there is opportunity. One result is the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

In the last 10 years school enrollment in Lee County has jumped 29.3 percent and in the City of Auburn 24.8 percent. Auburn has added 560 students in the last two years alone.

Yet school enrollment in rural Alabama continues to drop. Butler County is down 15% and Clay County is down 22%.

As the election season rhetoric increases, we would do well to remember that we are all better off when everyone gets a nice, soaking shower. But until we devote the necessary attention and resources to helping rural Alabama, better complete, city folks and country folks alike will continue to pay the price of neglect.

Larry Lee is a member of the Black Belt Action Commission. He and Dr. Joe Summers of Auburn co-authored two publications about rural Alabama, Beyond the Interstate and Crossroads and Connections. Contact: larrylee33@charter.net

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Marion Cook named to lead Water Resources office

Marion R. Cook, a 15-year veteran of the Geological Survey of Alabama, has been selected as director of the Office of Water Resources, a division of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

Cook was selected from among seven candidates for the state merit system job. He began his duties Dec. 12.

ELBA CITY COUNCIL

• ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry services - Thurs. 7 p.m. - 100 Baptist Church, Call 565-3970 or visit the website: www.inobaptist.com
• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloah Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information
• SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE - Tuesdays 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• GREY SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center, Complex @ New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. 7:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. - 1st Band Room @ Elba High School
• VETERANS SERVICE - 1st Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise
• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M., the FBO office at the Airport
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
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Obituaries

ORCIE JACKSON MARLER

Mr. Orcie Jackson "O.J." Marler, age 88, of Dade City, formerly of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Dec. 26, 2005.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 2005 at Hodges Family Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Dade City Cemetery.

Mr. Marler was preceded in death by his wife, Ada Mae Marler; and two children, Thelma Jean McCallister and William Howard Marler.

Survivors include his children: Hazel Hill, Frank (Karen) Edgeman, all of Dade City, James Marler, Orlando, Fla., Herman (Sally) Marler, Jackson, Ga.; one brother: Milan Marler, Elba; two sisters: Hazel Ennis, Elba, Bertha Mae Crocker, Titusville, Fla.; 21 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Donations in his name can be made to Gulfside Regional Hospice, 6117 Trouble Creek Rd., New Port Richey, Fla. 34653.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2, 2006 at New Life Ministries Church in Crawfordville, Fla. Burial followed at Bonnett Pond in Mandart, Fla. with Harvey-Young Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Young was preceded in death by his parents, Will Green Young and Bessie Lee Roberts, a brother, Reggie Young; and his wife, Joyce Conner Young.

Survivors include two sons: Douglas (Benjie) Young.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27, 2005 at Wyatt Funeral Home Chapel with Jack Burkett officiating. Burial followed at Peaceful Acres with Wyatt

Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Weeks was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey Weeks.

Survivors include three sons: Mike (Cindy) Weeks and Ronny (Patricia) Weeks, both of Kinston, Denny (Karen) Weeks, Warner Robins, Ga.; one daughter: Dianne Weeks in the Opp Nursing facility; one sister: Beatrice Grantham, Columbus, Ga.; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2, 2006 from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel of Elba. Burial followed in the Woodland Grove Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Brunson was preceded in death by two brothers, Maynard Brunson and Talmadge Brunson.

Survivors include his wife: Doris Perkins Ausbon, Elba; two sons: Michael Darren

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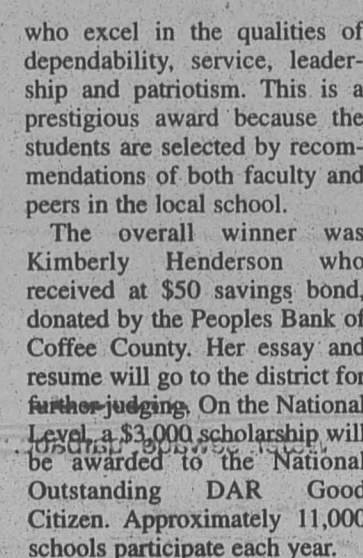
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR OF ESTATE OF WANDA LOUISE BECK, DECEASED. CASE NO. PC-05-09

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of Dec., 2005 by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF TINA MARIE PARKER, Plaintiff AND DONALD R. PARKER, Defendant.

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Donald R. Parker, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Tina Marie Parker's Complaint for Divorce, and other relief by February 21, 2006, or thereafter, judgment by default will be rendered against him in Case No. DR-2005-049. Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. DONE this 19 day of December, 2005.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

ALABAMA, COFFEE COUNTY ELBA DIVISION

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by certain mortgage executed by Debbie Nobles, unmarried to The Mortgage Outlet, Inc., dated August 6, 2001, said mortgage being recorded in Book 55A, Page 383, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division). Said mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to First Union National Bank of Delaware.

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Street Funding, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division), during the legal hours of sale, on January 12, 2006, the following real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

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SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 19 East, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows by an engineering survey. Beginning at the point of intersection of the South line of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 19 East and the West right-of-way line of Alabama State Highway No. 189, thence West a distance of 210.00 feet along the South line of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 19 East, thence South 08 degrees, 43 minutes East a distance of 91.43 feet along the West line of said Highway No. 189; thence South 07 degrees, 16 minutes West a distance of 118.57 feet along the West line of said highway to the point of beginning.

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IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF TINA MARIE PARKER, Plaintiff AND DONALD R. PARKER, Defendant.

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Donald R. Parker, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Tina Marie Parker's Complaint for Divorce, and other relief by February 21, 2006, or thereafter, judgment by default will be rendered against him in Case No. DR-2005-049. Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. DONE this 19 day of December, 2005.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

ALABAMA, COFFEE COUNTY ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE LAURA MEDLOCK, DECEASED.

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The holiday season is now just a happy memory, and at the Mularz house it was amazing that it took many hours less to take down the Christmas decorations than it did to put them up. All the lights, balls, garland and other items quickly disappeared into boxes closed with tape, and they all headed off to the store room to sit until next season. I'm not sure, but the quickness of taking down the decorations may be why we never did find some of the decorations from last Christmas. Oh well, it's about 45 weeks and counting until we get to do it all again!

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

*** The Elba Tigers were the only county team not to play in a tournament during the two-week Christmas holidays, but the Tigers apparently did their homework during the break as they got back to work on the court last week and claimed wins over 3A powers Pike County and Straughn to up their record to 10-2. The Tigers struggled in the win over Pike County, but pulled ahead late and held on to dump the Bulldogs on their home court, while in the win over Straughn the Tigers jumped out to an early 18-2 lead and cruised to the surprisingly easy win. The return of LaRay Williams from a football injury added a spark to the Tigers in both games, while Brandon Kelley and Mason Gulley both settled in and began to find their range from behind the arc. Elba has some big road trips ahead in the coming weeks. So, all the Tigers fans will find out in a hurry just how good this bunch really is. My guess is that they are very good!

*** The Elba Lady Tigers lost two games last week and saw their record slip to 3-5 on the season. The Lady Tigers have now lost four straight games after a 3-1 start. However, the Elba girls have some opponents ahead that they can compete with and I look for them to bounce back real soon and push their win total well past the number of losses. The key for the Lady Tigers will be to play as a team and not simply run up and down the court and watch one player try to outscore their opponents.

*** The Kinston Lady Bulldogs claimed their second tournament title of the season last week by winning the Providence Holiday Shootout and all of the sudden appear to be contenders for post-season play. The Lady Bulldogs have a veteran squad that has played together for years and now seems to have a new spark under the leadership of a new coach. There is a lot of season left and the past is just that. However, these girls are beginning to believe and big things could be just around the corner.

*** The 23rd annual Dothan Progress/Dothan Eagle Holiday Prep Classic was held last week at the Civic Center, in Dothan, and while I didn't get the chance to watch any of the action I did get the chance to look at a tournament program and once again was reminded that former Elba Tiger standout Bennie Daniels was one of the event's all-time scoring leaders. The Tiger point guard poured in 43 points in a 87-76 loss to Dothan back in 1990, also scored 32 points in a 72-58 win over Ashford that same year. The two performances placed Daniels first and ninth all-time in points scored in a game, and after 15 years that is quite a feat. Elba hasn't taken part in the tournament in a couple of years, which may be because the Tigers struggled to a 1-6 record in its six trips to the tournament.

*** I didn't make it to any of the annual Dothan Progress/Dothan Eagle tourney at the Civic Center, but a friend that did go stated the crowds were much smaller than in years past. The lack of fans could be blamed on the high number of tournaments going on the same time all around the area, the lack of a true quality team in the event, or the fact \$10 per ticket is pretty stiff for most working folks that are just getting over Christmas. I know the money raised goes back to the teams and helps the programs of the schools, but it may be time to also consider the fans when the plans for next year's tournament are finalized.

*** Brantley's David Lowery was named the 2A "Coach of the Year" recently by The Montgomery Advertiser and was well deserving of the honor. Coach Lowery took the Brantley post the year after the Bulldogs won the 1998 state championship, and despite constant pressure to keep the Bulldogs on top worked hard and worked his team hard as the Bulldogs have won 75 of 92 games during his seven years at the helm. The Bulldogs have had only one losing season under Lowery, a 5-6 slate back in '01, and the coach has averaged almost 11 wins a season and over the past three years has led his team to a 29-1 regular season record. There can be no doubt Brantley indeed has one of the state's top high school football coaches.

*** In closing... I don't have time to read many books, but over the holidays I have taken the time to read "The Last Coach... A Life of Paul 'Bear' Bryant," by Allen Barra, and the book is most reading for all football fans, especially those that grew up during the days of the Bear at Alabama. The book covers the coach's life as a youngster growing up in Arkansas, his days at Alabama as a player, and his complete coaching career. The stories told by former players, coaches and fans bring the coach back to life and give a unique insight into the real Paul Bryant. The book is thick and may take a few weeks to complete, but it is a book you will all enjoy.

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Improve record to 10-2

Tigers surprise Straughn 65-52

The Elba Tigers jumped put to a quick 3-0 lead on a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley and never looked back Friday night as they rolled to a surprisingly easy 65-52 win over the Straughn Tigers, in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 10-2, while Straughn saw its record slip to 5-5 with the loss. Kelley's three-pointer with 6:53 remaining in the opening stanza put the Tigers on top 3-0, and after baskets by Kikko Logan and Mason Gulley Elba's lead was up to 7-1 midway through the quarter.

Straughn connected on a free-throw late in the quarter to cut the Elba lead to 9-2 heading into the second quarter, but the hometown Tigers came out blazing in the second period and sparked by the play of Mason Gulley scored nine straight points to move ahead 18-2 with 6:09 left in the half.

The Tigers took their biggest lead of the half at 23-3 with 4:24 remaining on a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley, and despite a late Straughn rally Elba easily remained in command and carried a 28-15 lead in at intermission.

Straughn scored the first six points of the third quarter to pull within 28-19 with 6:00 left in the period. However, the Tigers answered the rally with an 8-0 run to stretch their lead to 36-19 with 3:05 remaining.

Straughn cut the Elba lead to 43-31 early in the fourth quarter and appeared ready to make another run, but Elba was again up to the challenge and sparked by a jumper by LaRay Williams and a three-pointer by Mason Gulley moved ahead 54-33 with

4:48 left on the clock.

The Tigers lead remained at twenty-one points with 2:03 remaining after a basket by Reynar Rodgers, and they easily held off a late Straughn run to claim the impressive 65-52 win.

Mason Gulley and Brandon Kelley both scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Alphonzo Freney scored 16 points for Straughn.

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Elba (65): Gulley 16, Williams 7, Hill 2, Kelley 16, Abbott 3, Carr 2, Logan 9, Rodgers 4, Stoudemire 6. Straughn (52): Freney 16, Huggins 2, Driver 13, T. Driver 7, Carter 12, Dortch 2.

[JV GAME]

The Elba JV Tigers used a

big third quarter to take command and rolled to a 43-26 win over Straughn. Friday night to a 12-6 first quarter lead, but saw Straughn stage a second quarter rally and cut the lead to 20-16 at the half. Elba outscored Straughn 17-2 in the third quarter to open up a 37-18 advantage and easily held on to roll to the win.

Channing Morris scored 11 points to lead Elba and Johnny Stoudemire added 9.

Elba (43): Respress 7, Mitchell 4, Phillips 5, Reynolds 2, Belcher 1, Morris 11, Dorsey 2, McBride 2, Stoudemire 9. Straughn (26): Felton 5, Kinsaul 2, Powell 1, Yelverton 6, Myers 6, Taylor 6.

Grab road win

Tigers pop Pike 60-56

The Elba Tigers staged a furious fourth quarter rally last Tuesday night to claim a wild 60-56 win over the Pike County Bulldogs, in Brundidge.

The Tigers came out firing and led by the scoring punch of Brandon Kelley jumped out to an 18-16 lead in the opening quarter, while in the second stanza Kikko Logan added two more baskets inside to help Elba carry a 34-31 lead in at intermission.

Pike County came to life in the third quarter and appeared to take control as the Bulldogs

Workshops set for bird lovers

Landmark Park, Dothan, will provide the opportunity this winter for bird lovers to learn how to attract birds to your home or property. Three different workshops will be offered to provide helpful information about bluebirds, hummingbirds and purple martins.

All the workshops are free with park admission (\$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children) and begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium at Landmark Park. Reservations can be made by calling the park

office at 334-794-3452.

PURPLE MARTIN WORKSHOP - January 14, Earl Suggs, a park volunteer and purple martin enthusiast, will conduct this program. He has been growing and selling gourds to serve as homes for these beneficial birds for many years. Mr. Suggs will share information and tips on attracting and housing these unique birds.

BLUEBIRD WORKSHOP - January 21, Gerald Hartley, a member of the North American Bluebird Society, will conduct this workshop. Mr. Hartley has been actively involved in bluebird conservation in the Wiregrass Region since 1976 and has a great deal of information to share concerning the eastern bluebird, construction and placement of nesting boxes and tips on attracting bluebirds to your home or property.

HUMMINGBIRD WORKSHOP - January 28, Fred Bassett, a licensed bird bander specializing in the banding of hummingbirds, will conduct this informative and popular workshop. Mr. Bassett is known throughout the southeast for his work with hummingbirds and will share his extensive knowledge about their nesting habits, migration patterns, maintenance of feeders, and how to attract these "winged jewels" to your property.

All of the winter workshops are free with park admission of \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Park members are admitted to the park for free. Landmark Park is located on U.S. Hwy 431, three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle.



ELBA TIGER ANDREW STOUEMIRE (40) goes under the basket and lays in a reverse lay-up in a recent Tiger win. The Tigers upped their record to 10-2 last week with wins over Pike County and Straughn.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

Elba Lady Tigers stumble as record slides to 3-5

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the court twice last week and suffered a pair of losses as their record slipped to 3-5 on the season.

The Lady Tigers opened the week's action on Tuesday night in Brundidge and fell to Pike County 48-34, then on Friday night hosted Straughn and suffered a 48-43 defeat.

Following are highlights of both games:

PIKE CO. 48

ELBA 34

Pike County pulled ahead early and then pulled away late last Tuesday night to claim a 48-34 win over the Elba Lady Tigers.

The Lady Tigers battled the Lady Bulldogs on even terms for much of the opening stanza and behind the scoring of Leanna Henderson trailed only 11-8 heading into the second quarter. However, Pike County began to take command in the stanza and outscored the Lady Tigers 18-12 to carry a 29-20 lead in at intermission.

Elba's LaFondra Thigpen sparked an Elba rally in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers pulled within 35-30, but the Lady Tigers scored only four points in the final quarter and watched as Pike County pulled away and claimed the 48-34 win.

LaFondra Thigpen scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Smith led Pike County with 16. Pike Co. (48): Williams 5, Rodgers 1, Lampley 1, Smith 16, Foster 5, K. Lampley 12, Henderson 6, Hughes 2. Elba (34): Lawford 2, Henderson 4, Pruitt 5, Thigpen 15, Caldwell 8.

STRAUGHN 48
ELBA 43

The Elba Lady Tigers saw a slim lead evaporate late in the final stanza Friday night as they fell to Straughn 48-43, in Elba.

The teams swapped baskets

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Win Providence Shootout

Kinston Lady Bulldogs bring home trophy



KINSTON'S KALEIGH SANDERS (14) shoots from just inside the three-point line during recent girls action. The Lady Bulldogs claimed their second tournament title of the season last week by winning the Providence Holiday Shootout.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2005

G.W. Long at New Brockton (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Kinston at McKenzie (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Friday, Jan. 6

Laverne at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB
New Brockton at Highland Home (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Georgiana at Kinston (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Elba at New Brockton (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Goshen at Zion Chapel (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Thursday, Jan. 12

Elba at Brantley (6:00) VG-VB

Friday, Jan. 13

Pike County at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Kinston at J.F. Shields (5:00) JV-VG-VB
Ariton at Zion Chapel (4:30) JV-VG-VB



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The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rolled to three straight wins last week to claim the championship of the Providence Holiday Shootout, held at Providence Christian High School, in Dothan.

Following are complete tournament results involving area teams:

Zion Chapel falls to Wicksburg Panthers 59-33

The Zion Chapel Rebels tipped things off in the Providence Holiday Shootout last Thursday morning and fell to the Wicksburg Panthers 59-33. Abe Childs scored 10 points to lead the Rebels, while Dustin Lee scored 18 points for the Panthers.

Zion Chapel falls short in 51-45 loss to Bethlehem

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled hard for all four quarters in a 51-45 loss to Bethlehem, in losers bracket action last Thursday afternoon in the Providence Holiday Shootout. Abe Childs scored 22 points to lead the Rebels, while Bethlehem was led by Trey McDuffie with 26 points.

Kinston Bulldogs caged by Wicksburg 62-28

The Kinston Bulldogs started slow and never recovered last Thursday afternoon in the opening round of the Providence Holiday Shootout. Ramsey Phillips scored 10 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Robert Anderson and Dustin Lee scored 11 points, apiece, to lead the Panthers.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs roll over Lady Rebels 54-31

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs opened play in the Providence Holiday Shootout last Thursday morning and rolled to a big 54-31 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. Kaleigh Sanders and Brittany Hunko scored 16 points each to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Torie Hodge led the Lady Rebels with 10 points.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs surprise Providence 51-45

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs remained in the winners bracket last Thursday afternoon in the Providence Holiday Shootout by knocking off Providence 51-45. Brittany Hunko scored 23 points and Kaleigh Sanders added 19 to lead Kinston, while Rebecca Dowd led Providence with 14 points.

Zion Chapel Lady Rebels edged by Wicksburg 40-39

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels stumbled in losers bracket action last Thursday afternoon in the Providence Holiday Shootout by falling to Wicksburg 40-39. Kern Hobbs scored 12 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Whitley Dent scored 12 for Wicksburg.

Kinston Bulldogs eliminated by Providence 56-49

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their tournament run come to an end Friday morning with a 56-49 setback to host Providence. Josh Driver scored 16 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Providence was led by Nathan Chase with 15-points.

Lady Bulldogs whip Wicksburg in finals 44-38

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs claimed their second tournament title of the season Friday night by claiming a 44-38 win over the Wicksburg Lady Panthers. Brittany Hunko scored 22 points to lead Kinston to the championship.

Spotlight on the....

OUTDOORS



COREY CARNLEY (age 7) killed his first deer Dec. 24, 2005 while hunting with his dad, Travis, in Fairview Community of Coffee County.



Brantley's Coach David Lowery

Brantley's Lowery named 1A "Coach of the Year"

The Montgomery Advertiser announced its 2005 "All-State" high school football selections over the holidays and named as the Coach of the Year in Class 1A was Brantley's David Lowery.

Lowery, the head coach at Brantley since 1999, led the Bulldogs to a 13-2 record and a runner-up finish in the 1A state playoffs in the '05 season. Lowery has posted a 75-17 overall record during his seven-year career at Brantley, and in the past four years has guided the Bulldogs to 47 wins and four straight region championships. The Bulldogs have posted a regular season record of 29-1 over the past three years, including a 21-0 region slate.

Joining Coach Lowery on the Class 1A all-state team from Brantley were four first team selections and three honorable mention picks.

Named to the 1A All-State team were tight-end Shane Corley, a 6-1, 185-pound, senior; linebacker Jeffery Daniels, a 6-2, 220-pound, junior; defensive lineman Corey Latham, a 5-11, 175-pound, junior; and athlete Chris Booker, a 5-10, 165-pound, junior. Earning honorable mention were quarterback Edgar Walker, offensive lineman Natham Garrod, and athlete James Pittman.

Other area players named to the 2005 All-State team were:

Class 6A - Raven Gray (DL), 6-2, 245, senior, Enterprise.
Class 5A - Demorris Kilow (RB), 6-2, 200, senior, Carroll-Ozark; Josh Hawkins (OL), 6-7, 325, senior, Greenville; Cameron Beard (DB), 6-0, 180, senior, Carroll-Ozark; Daniel Orr (DL), 6-2, 2225, senior, Eufaula.

Class 4A - Ladarrius McNeil (RB), 6-1, 190, junior, Andalusia; Martell Myhand (DB), 6-1, 190, senior, Geneva; Steven Armstrong (LB), 5-11, 180, senior, Rehobeth; Riley Flowers (DL), 6-2, 280, senior, Geneva.

Class 3A - Coach of the Year - Wayne Grant, Pike County; James Jackson (RB) 5-8, 150, junior, Pike County; Julius Penn (OL), 5-11, 265, senior, Pike County; Jared Cooper (OL), 6-3, 275, junior, W.S. Nash; Mikel Riggs (DB), 5-8, 155, senior, T.R. Miller; Kevin Marshall (DB), 6-0, 175, junior, Pike County; Jarmon Barrow (LB), 5-10, 188, senior, Pike County; Bernard Mitchell (LB), 6-2, 205, senior, Slocomb; Alphonzo Freney (ATH), 6-2, 2225, senior, Straughn.

Class 2A - Domini Rich (RB), 5-10, 185, senior, Houston Academy; Fred Hawkins (RB), 6-1, 190, junior, Laverne; John Pasley (RB), 5-9, 185, senior, Southern Choctaw; Stanley Jones (DB), 6-2, 185, junior, Houston Academy; Jay Johnson (DB), 5-8, 150, senior, Southern Choctaw; Terrell Johnson (LB), 6-0, 205, senior, Red Level; D.J. McCreary (DL), 6-2, 195, senior, Laverne; Brandon Kelley (P) 6-0, 195, senior, Elba.

Class 1A - Coach of the Year - David Lowery, Brantley; Robby Evans (ATH), 6-1, 205, senior, Florala; Shane Corley (TE), 6-1, 185, senior, Brantley; Jeffery Daniels (LB), 6-2, 220, junior, Brantley; Corey Latham (DL), 5-11, 175, junior, Brantley; Chris Booker (ATH), 5-10, 165, junior, Brantley.

Area players receiving Honorable Mention included:

Class 6A - (QB) Robert Brooks, Enterprise.

Class 5A - (QB) Jerrell Jernigan, Eufaula; (QB) Jared Loftin, Charles Henderson; (WR) Demonte King, Charles Henderson; (LB) Cornelius Jenkins, Eufaula; (DL) Aaron Field, Charles Henderson.

Class 4A - (WR) Quinton Roberts, Daleville; (TE) Adam Kennedy, Rehobeth; (LB) Nico Johnson, Andalusia.

Class 3A - (DL) Martez Boykin, Pike County; (DL) Tim Issac, Pike County.

Class 2A - (QB) Ryan Brown, Laverne; (WR) Mason Gulley, Elba; (WR) Ralph Turner, Cottonwood; (OL) Collins White, Houston Academy; (DL) Cole Mashburn, Cottonwood; (ATH) Deymond Sankey, Highland Home.

Class 1A - (QB) Edgar Walker, Brantley; (TE) Vance Gettis, Florala; (OL) Natham Garrod, Brantley; (OL) Josh Hattaway, Florala; (PK) Justin Rasberry, Florala; (DB) Justin Smith, Ariton; (LB) Vance Gettis, Florala; (ATH) Justin Masters, Ariton; (ATH) James Pittman, Brantley.

COMMUNITY NEWS

IRS warns of e-mail scam about tax refunds

The Internal Revenue Service today issued a consumer alert about an Internet scam in which consumers receive an e-mail informing them of a tax refund. The e-mail, which claims to be from the IRS, directs the consumer to a link that requests personal information, such as Social Security number and credit card information.

This scheme is an attempt to trick the e-mail recipients into disclosing their personal and financial data. The practice is called "phishing" for information. The information fraudulently obtained is then used to steal the taxpayer's identity and financial assets.

Generally, identity thieves use someone's personal data to steal his or her financial accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name and even file fraudulent tax returns.

The bogus e-mail, which claims to come from "tax refunds@irs.gov," tells the recipient that he or she is eligible to receive a tax refund for a given amount. It then says that to access a form for the tax refund, the recipient must use a link contained in the e-mail. The link then asks for the personal and financial information.

The IRS does not ask for personal identifying or financial information via unsolicited e-mail. Additionally, taxpayers do not have to complete a special form to obtain a refund.

If you receive an unsolicited e-mail purporting to be from the IRS, take the following steps:

Do not open any attachments to the e-mail, in case they contain malicious code that will infect your computer.

Contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to determine whether the IRS is trying to contact you about a tax refund.

Taxpayers who believe they have been scammed or have received a suspicious communication can call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) toll-free fraud referral hotline at 1-800-366-4484.

The IRS has seen numerous attempts over the years to defraud the public and the federal government through a variety of schemes, including abusive tax avoidance transactions, identity theft, claims for slavery reparations, frivolous arguments and more. More information on these schemes may be found on the criminal enforcement page at IRS.gov.

Robert W. Glover, CCLA, has been recognized as an Outstanding Course Leader by the American Institute of America, national educational organizations headquartered in Malvern, Pa. This recognition is based on his having taught insurance and financial services courses whose students passed the national certifying examination at a level that met or exceeded the national pass ratio for that exam.

Outstanding course leaders such as Glover combine their expertise in the course content with effective learning activities and personal concern for their adult students. They provide a class structure that facilitates individual learning and an environment that supports academic success. He is among those special people who have been able to provide a positive learning experience for his students.

He and other course leaders, for the most part, hold full-time jobs and teach insurance courses part-time because they are committed to the professional development of their colleagues.

Glover serves as vice president with National Security Fire and Casualty Company in Elba. He is a graduate of University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics.

Glover is past-president of the Elba Lions Club, and he has also served as the group's secretary and treasurer. He has led institute course for two years.

Mr. Glover and his wife, Penny, live in Elba. They have four children.

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This course is designed to familiarize participants with the customs and culture of the Korean people. Topics discussed will include a brief history of the Korean Peninsula, a review of the geography and demographics, a snapshot of the language, and a review of some of the customs of the country. This class will be held on the Enterprise campus Tuesday nights for three weeks beginning Tuesday, February 6, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$20.

Child's Eyes will give participants the opportunity to learn how to introduce children to fun and simple science concepts using everyday experiences which incorporate art, literacy, math, etc. Session 2, titled *I, 2, 3 Come Count With Me* will teach participants how to reinforce math skills using developmentally appropriate hands-on activities and give ideas on how to incorporate math standards into the learning environment. Pre-registration fee is \$20 if received by the deadline and \$25 if received after that date. Call 334-347-2623, ext. 2240 for a additional information.

This class will be held on the Enterprise campus, Saturday, January 28, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The cost for the course is \$20. For more information, please call 347-2623, ext. 2209. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 23.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
This two-part workshop provides opportunities for persons involved in public and home day care, and other programs for young children. Session 1, titled *The How's, What's, and Why's Science Through A*

NURSING SEMINAR for all health care workers. Nurses will receive 7.2 contact hours of continuing education credit in cooperation with Diversified Nursing Services, an organization approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing as a provider of continuing education (provider # ABNPO436). Diversified Nursing is also approved for continuing education by the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners for 6.0 contact hours. For specific course title and course objectives, call 334-347-2623, ext. 2209.

This class will be held on the Enterprise campus, Thursday, February 16, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$65 if you preregister by February 9. For more information, please call 347-2623, ext. 2209.

FINANCIAL PLANNING
Financial Planning is a FREE informative class designed for individuals interested in getting more for their money and planning for the future. Students will learn about investment alternatives, including insurance policies, savings accounts, and mutual funds.

This class will be held on the Enterprise campus on Monday nights for three weeks beginning January 16, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. and on the Fort Rucker campus on Tuesday nights beginning January 17, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 347-2623, ext. 2209.

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Beginning Sign Language is an introductory course for people with little or no experience signing. At the conclusion of the class students should be able to participate in simple conversation using sign language. This class will be held on the Enterprise campus on Thursday nights for six weeks beginning February 2, from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$65.

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Meeting held earlier this week in Elba

Officials continue to look at flood control

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Continuing efforts to improve flood control in Elba got another boost Monday afternoon.

Mayor James Grimes left a meeting held in Elba with visions of extensive work in the old Beaver Dam Creek bed adding to flood control in downtown Elba. This project could also remove several abandoned houses, add walking and/or biking trails, picnic tables, green space recreation areas, etc. It will be designed to finally beat the continuing battle with mosquitoes which hatch in the standing pools of water in the area. Designers hope to preserve some areas to display natural wetlands flora. The holding ponds will be designed to remain dry and drained unless there is a heavy rain. One exception under consideration is allowing the upper pond to permanently hold enough water to beautify the area.

Once completed the holding ponds can be filled and the storm water released to the Putnam Street pumps and exported to the river.

An alternate under consideration is installing a second pumping station on the West end of the project allowing excess water to be pumped directly into Beaver Dam Creek, thus relieving pressure on the Putnam Street pumps.

Monday night the Elba City Council quickly endorsed the proposal as "needed".

Marlon Cook, the new Division Director of the ADECA's Office of Water Resources, presented the plan to a group assembled by Barbara Gibson, Director of Choc Pea Yellow River Watershed Authority. Choc Pea board member Dr. Bruce Donaldson was also at the meeting, as was Don Hyde who manages the water monitoring stations throughout the watershed area.

Cook has done extensive work in the Elba area, and throughout Southeast Alabama, having recently moved to his present position from the U.S. Geological Survey office in Tuscaloosa.

The project would include up to three holding ponds capable of retaining 3.2 million cubic feet of water (73 acre feet). That is 67% of a ten inch rainfall in a 24 hour period.

Cook indicated this would handle storm runoff in the drainage basin from most rains in Elba. Early plans call for Pond #1 filling first, then Pond #2, then Pond #3, and from there to the pumps at the levee near Putnam Street. Elba is already requiring holding ponds be installed with all new construction projects.

Leslie Durham, Chief, Flood Plain Control with the Water Resources office, was present at the meeting and agreed to do some preliminary design work on the project, nail down funding sources, etc. The City of Elba will then contact the U.S. Corp. of Engineers about doing the actual designing and overseeing of the project.

Alabama Senator Jimmy Holtey and Representative Terry Spicer were in attendance at the meeting and pledged their support.

Coffee County Emergency Management Director John Tallas also endorsed the project as beneficial to long range flood control and quality of life in the area.

Despite lengthy discussion and attention to matter

Tax abatement request makes no progress during Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Confusion highlighted the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday morning, Jan. 9, as commissioners tried to address a tax abatement request.

Frank Thompson, director of the Enterprise Coffee Geneva

freezing and cutting facility. He said this expansion will cost an approximate \$10,180,000 and will bring approximately 68 new jobs to the company.

Thompson proposed a tax abatement of property taxes at an estimated \$28,504 per year for five years. He also proposed an abatement (one time only) of sales and use tax at approximately \$25,000.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley asked Thompson how soon he needed to know something, and Thompson responded that it is a pretty timely matter.

Grimsley said he is a believer in being proactive with local businesses, and since the county already gave the company a tax abatement last year for an expansion project, he suggested only giving an abatement for the property taxes at approximately \$28,504 per year for five years.

Grimsley said he felt like this would benefit all involved. He made a motion to that effect and received a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook, who said she would second the motion to bring it to discussion.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he has voted twice in the past to abate taxes for this company. He said there are other businesses the county does not abate taxes for, and the county does not abate taxes for chicken farmers.

While he said he is proud for

the company that it is expanding and proud of the job that Mr. Thompson does, Stephens said he felt like he would have to pass on voting in favor of this requested tax abatement.

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COFFEE COUNTY RECEIVED A SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Monday morning, Jan. 9, during the Coffee County Commission meeting as Paul Duval, a representative of the National Weather Service in Tallahassee, Fla., announced the certification of Coffee County as a Storm Ready County. In being named a Storm Ready County, Duval said Coffee County has shown an ability to receive warnings in a timely manner and an ability to get that information out to the public in a timely manner. Duval said the certification is good for three years, and he expects the county to be re-certified after that. He said re-certification in three years will show that Coffee County has continued to improve its ability to warn citizens of pending bad weather conditions. Duval (right) is shown making the Storm Ready presentation to Coffee County Emergency Management Director John Tallas (left).

During New Brockton Town Council meeting
Plans announced for annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities (Jan. 16)

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Mayor Pro Tem Johnnie Heron presided over the January meeting of the New Brockton Town Council Monday evening, Jan. 9, as Mayor Charles Cole was unable to attend. Council member Vicky Harrison also was unable to attend the meeting.

Heron began the meeting by announcing the town offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

While on the topic of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Heron reminded everyone of New Brockton's annual Martin

Luther King Jr. remembrance day activities. He said the day's activities will begin at the Old Warren Smith School building at 9 a.m. From there, attendees will march through New Brockton to Springfield Baptist Church. A program will begin at 11 a.m. at the church, and Mayor Charles Cole will be the guest speaker.

Council member Jeff White presented a report from the New Brockton Water Board. He said the water board has contracted with Holloway Credit, a collection company, to assist the town in collecting funds on past due

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Two resolutions relating to the ongoing sewer upgrade project CDBG grant were approved by the council. One cleared the way for Peters Mitchell Associates, of Dothan, to do the engineering on the project. The other reso-

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Mayor James Grimes told council members the financial statement was looking good for the first two months of the fiscal year. He noted that most departments were actually under budget on the October/November financial statement. The exceptions were appropriations (which pays the total annual budgeted amount at the first of the fiscal year) and the street department which showed an expenditure for supplies at twice the budgeted amount of \$6,666.67.

Other departments, such as Capital Expenditures have yet to expend much of the budgeted amounts. That will change as paving and reworking of some large equipment gets underway.

Monthly bills totaling \$86,935.80 were approved for payment. This included utilities, gas and oil, transfer to the schools, note payments and garbage fees.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported the new garbage truck was due in Elba next week with the City of Elba scheduled to take over the service on January 31st.

Grantham also reported that the demolition work at the old school was moving along smoothly. He added that he was meeting January 12th (today) with the playground committee to discuss plans for beginning the work and exact

location of the playground.

Grimes reported that two local business have agreed to lease a new vehicle for the DARE program. The three year lease on the new Ford Explorer will be at no cost to the city.

He also announced that the dedication on the new diagnostic lab building is scheduled for February 28th.

The mayor informed council members that he is working on a plan to clean the old Beaver Dam Creek bed, improve flood control and make the area an asset to the community.

Council member Ronnie Hammond reported receiving complaints about building materials and other trash on a lot off Martin L. King Drive. He was told that the owner had been contacted and informed that he must do something about the problem.

Councilman Tom Hooks requested something be done on Martin L. King Drive at the levee. He noted roughness in the road and inability to see over the levee are creating dangerous situations. The police, chief and city clerk agreed to look at the problem.

Councilman Harold Spicer passed along a request from a citizen to be able to ride bicycles on the levee walking trail. Grimes told him that this was strictly prohibited due to dangerous situations. The police, chief and city clerk agreed to look at the problem.

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WRECK INJURES THREE—Local emergency personnel responded Saturday evening, Jan. 7, to the scene of a one-vehicle wreck on Lower Curtis Road in Elba. Dispatchers with the Elba Police Department received report of the accident at approximately 6:30 p.m. Upon arriving on scene officers found that a 1988 Mazda B26 truck, driven by Christie Williams, age 33, of Elba, had left the roadway and overturned. According to police, Williams apparently over corrected the steering after the tires of the truck ran onto the shoulder of the roadway causing the vehicle to rotate clockwise. The vehicle entered a critical yaw, began rotating counter-clockwise, left the roadway and overturned traveling down a deep ravine before coming to a rest on the driver's side of the vehicle up against a tree. Williams and her son, Jordan Williams, age 12, were fully ejected from the vehicle during the course of the accident. Both were treated on scene by Coffee County EMS personnel and transferred to Elba General Hospital. A short time later, the mother and son were each transported to Flowers Hospital in Dothan where they continue to receive treatment. Williams' daughter and the third occupant of the vehicle, Brinley Williams, age 10, was not ejected from the vehicle. She was transported by private vehicle to Elba General Hospital for treatment of injuries sustained. None of the occupants reportedly were wearing a seat belt. The accident was investigated by officers with the Elba Police Department. Also responding to the scene was the Elba Fire Department.

NOTICE

The 2006 Miss Elba pageants, sponsored by the New Seasons Study Club, will be Saturday, March 4, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. This year's theme is "Viva Las Vegas." Each girl must either attend Elba City Schools or have a permanent Elba address, and meet age requirements. Age divisions are as follows: Future Little Miss Elba - ages 3-5; Little Miss Elba - first graders; Junior Miss Elba - 7th thru 10th graders; and Miss Elba - ages 17-21.

Deadline for all entries is Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Miss Elba Tea, held at Moseley's Studio. An entry fee of \$30 is due on this date, and all entry forms will be given out at the time of arrival. All contestants should be prepared for their photogenic picture to be taken on this day. Contestants will sell ads for a slide show presentation to be shown to the audience and judges the night of the pageant. All ads sold should be turned in the day of the tea. Future Little Miss and Little Miss Contestants should arrive at 2 p.m. Junior Miss and Miss Contestants should arrive at 2:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in this event should contact the pageant chairperson, Destiny Hudson (897-3619 or 494-3544) for ad sales information and questions.

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